



DARTBOARD

THE NEWSLETTER FOR THE DARTFORD
BRANCH OF THE NORTH WEST KENT
FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

BRANCH MEETINGS

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THE APOTHECARY'S GARDEN

Toni Mount



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Russell Bowes



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THE HISTORY OF DARTFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Dr David Lepine



WORKSHOPS

Computer Group

Library Experts
Booking Code WKS4



Germans in WW1 London

Zoe Brooks
Booking Code: WKS5



Friday DNA Group

Victor Nutt
Booking code:
FDNAG13



Dartford Branch Meetings are held at the Dartford Science & Technology College, Heath Lane, Dartford on the 1st Saturday of the month from 9.45am to 12.30pm.

OUR TALK TODAY, 1st FEBRUARY IS: CEMETERIES OF SOUTH LONDON

BRIAN PARSONS

Brian has worked in funeral service in London since 1982 & now focuses on the training & education of funeral directors. He has been researching into the history of funeral service, London cemeteries & also cremation for the last twenty-five years & has been a lecturer at the University of Bath. His publications include The London Way of Death, Committed to the Cleansing Flame: The Development of Cremation in Nineteenth Century England & numerous articles.

He is currently revising (with Hugh Meller) London Cemeteries: An Illustrated Guide & Gazetteer which will be published by The History Press in 2021.

DATES FOR YOUR 2020 DIARIES

The NWKFHS Family History Day & 42nd AGM will be held on Thursday 9th April at West Heath School, Ashgrove Road, Sevenoaks, TN13 1SR. The day will start at 09.30 with registration & coffee & finish around 5pm. Lunch & afternoon tea will be available but must be booked in advance, as does your seat at the event. Full details are in December's journal along with the booking form (the yellow pages), or can be viewed/printed from the website.



Biggin Hill Memorial Museum tells the story of Britain's most famous fighter station of WW2 through the personal experiences of those who served there & the community that supported them. It is situated on the same site as St George's RAF Chapel of Remembrance.

On Saturday 30th May the NWKFHS will be holding a Family History Day at the museum between 10.30 & 16.30 where the emphasis will be on WW2 Airforce, Army & Naval ancestors. David Cufley & Fran Rogers will be giving talks & society members will be on hand to offer advice on researching family history. Although normal admittance prices to the museum will apply entry to the talks is free but tickets must be booked in advance. Please go to the Museum's website, y , for further details such as entry prices & booking tickets.

If you wish to volunteer your services at this event please contact David Cufley at president@nwkhfs.org.uk.

Writing Group

Pauline Heathcote
Booking code: WKS6



Workshops are held on advertised days at KCC's Joydens Wood Library, 80 Summerhouse Drive, Bexley, Kent, DA5 2EE.

PLEASE REFER TO THE SOCIETY'S WEBSITE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING THESE, ALL FUTURE MEETINGS, WORKSHOPS & MUCH MORE

Master of Ceremonies	Janet Rose
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Branch Finance Officer	Maureen Griffiths
Logistics Manager	Lorraine King
Programme Secretary	Barbara Phillips
Pastoral Care	Raymer Lofts
Sound Technicians	Ian West Tony Lathey
Light refreshments	Sandra & Bob Shepherd
Raffle	Pat Cornelius
Reception	Sheila Elisak Pauline Heathcote
Old magazines & journals	Frank Parsons Judith French
Notice board	Sylvia Hammond
Computer help desk	Allan Stapleton
Bookstall	Gillian Seager Tim Jacobs
Free reference book library & exchange journals	Hilary Waters
Trips & outings	Hilary Waters
Dartboard editor	Hilary Waters
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LATEST NEWS FROM TNA

TNA will be closing two hours early (at 17.00) on Tuesday 11 February due to a private event. As this will affect their usual Tuesday late-night opening, they will extend their opening hours until 19.00 on Wednesday 12 February to minimise disruption.

They will soon make some changes to same-day document ordering. From Tuesday 31 March 2020, as part of a six-month trial, readers will be able to order a maximum of 12 documents* for the same day, plus up to 12 documents ordered in advance (a maximum of 24 documents per reader per day).

Please note the bulk ordering service will not be affected during this trial.

*A document, or file, refers to one catalogue reference number, which can contain multiple records.

For more details of these & many more interesting articles please go to their website, www.nationalarchives.gov.uk.

THE GREAT STINK & MORE

Join author Stephen Halliday at Crossness Pumping Station, Bazalgette Way, SE29AQ, for a fascinating afternoon, including a visit to the Crossness exhibitions, a tour of the Engine House & a talk from Stephen - author of 'The Great Stink of London'. Stephen will be talking about his new book, 'An Underground Guide to Sewers'.

The event is taking place on Saturday 22 February from 2.30pm, doors open 1.30pm. Tickets cost £5 & must be booked in advance from eventbrite.co.uk. There will be parking available close to the site, including pre-booked Blue Badge parking, and the Crossness Engines Trust will also be organising a shuttle bus from Abbey Wood train station.

ANCESTRY UPDATES

Ancestry have just added a new collection of records, UK, WW2 Royal Artillery Tracer Cards. This collection comprises cards which track movements of soldiers between units within the Royal Artillery during the Second World War.

Another new addition is the cemetery registers for Brompton, London for the years 1840 to 2012 & comprising of 204,827 individual records.

BEXLEY LOCAL STUDIES & ARCHIVE CENTRE

In March Bexley Archives will be issuing details of their programme of events for April to March 2021.

To celebrate the 75th anniversary of VE Day there will be a programme of special events at Central Library, Townley Road, Bexleyheath, on Thursday the 7th May between 10am & 6pm. Admission is free. If you would like to share your memories or memorabilia please contact archives@bexley.gov.uk. Also contact the library for more details.

Bexley have produced a series of walks around the borough where you are guided by the free 'BexleyWalks' app which can be downloaded to your phone from the App Store or Google Play Store. The apps also provide maps, interesting facts & images. The 13th walk has just been added.